



Well, our football team ended up fourth in the city with a five win, three loss record. But in all fairness to the team, they well out played their record. At our last printing our team stood four and one.

Then we met the second place Lanier Purple Pups on November 4. Because of a first period safety, they beat us 20-19. On November 12, we ran over Hogg's Razorbacks 25-6 as Lee Raesner played wonderful. On Thursday, November 18, we played the undefeated, untied Hamilton Indians in the senior high school stadium. For more than three periods, the game was a scoreless tie as our defense played superbly. Then late in the game, the Indians broke loose two quick touchdowns and a safety to win.

Knockin' On The Club House Door

By HARVEY ZELLER

I trust my column has appealed to you, for if there were any dismaying results, you wouldn't be reading it again. My, how the days do pass! It was just a short time back when we had the sad task of displaying our grades to our anxious parents and the time has arisen again to do so. I am sure you all made marks worthy of your intelligence, and that your parents were quite pleased with your cards.

Well, enough of this chit-chat, let's get down to cases. The student participation clubs I have chosen this month to act as models for us to follow are the Lost and Found Club, the Student Council, and the Library Club, who, incidentally, are doing excellent jobs in behalf of Pershing.

Have you lost anything lately of value on the school grounds? Well, the chances are the Lost and Found Club will have it. Mrs. Leggett is the sponsor of one of the really essential service clubs of Pershing. No matter what it is, size or shape, if the club members have gained the lost article you simply go to the teachers' workroom opposite the auditorium at registration, club period, or after school and with proper identification the article will be returned to your possession. Remember the Golden Rule whenever you find something of value on the school grounds and be sure to promptly turn it over to the Lost and Found members or the office.

With their tireless endeavor the Student Council is accomplishing many constructive acts in the interest of Pershing. As per usual, the club is sponsoring one momentous project during the school year, and as customary this project will dwell on a very important and great achievement for the school. The project is the \$150 teachers' directory, placed adjacent to the bulletin board, opposite the office. This directory will contain the names of all the faculty and their respective room numbers. Although not the largest project in size, but certainly the most important in my estimation, the club members, out of their own willingness to be of service, give baskets to the needy on both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Keeping in mind the old but wise saying, "All work and no play makes John a dull boy," the Student Council members sponsor a most enjoyable number of dances for the student body. Among these, the ones coming up are the Snowflake Ball to be held tonight and the Football Dance taking place in January. Decisively speaking, the Council members, led

15-0.

Lee Raesner made the Houston Chronicle all city team in the backfield, Don Johnson made the second team as end and John Stradinger made the third team as tackle. At this writing, the Houston Post had not announced its all city teams.

Pershing had 22 lettermen this year. They are in the backfield, Lee Raesner, Pat Sherrill, Walter Britian, Buddy Ives, Steve Thomas, Gaylord Gray, Gue Koerner, and Mike Williams; end, Jim Hunt, Don Jackson, and Nob Nash; at tackle, Jim Crowe, Van Phillips, John O'Heeran, Charlie Church, Dennis Sheehan, and Lloyd Lindinger; at guard, Russell Venable, John Stradinger, and Steve Kaufman; and at center, Bill Yancey and Mike McCoy.

By Mr. Thomasson, find their function in school activities entirely interesting, socially rewarding, and educationally profitable.

Any school would be inadequately equipped if there was an absence of a sufficient library. In accordance with the above issue, the Library Club primarily functions. In the past month the club membership put on a superb play for the entire student body entitled, "Faraway Places." During this time, the club members sponsored, among their many enterprises, our most victorious Book Week drive for new books, from which \$1,079 was obtained. This campaign is to be used exclusively to replenish the supply of books in our library at the present time. Also used to raise money was an extremely educational Art Show held in the library where the works of great artists were exhibited. The members of the club gave information concerning the paintings and quite well rounded out the display. The Book Week theme this year is "Reading for Fun" but whether it be just for pleasure or educational reading, our school library will have sufficient material to satisfy your needs.

Well, kids, that's about 30 for this edition. I hope my column has provided enough interest for you so that you will read it again next month.

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PERSHING PRATTLE

By PATTI OLIVER

Well, this is the end of the second six weeks. I sure hope all of you made very good grades on your report cards and tests. Warning—from some ninth graders to some eighth graders. "Don't take Spanish" is their slogan. If you just look at their grades you can tell why.

Ada Whitworth, Kay McRae, Mary Ruth Magruder, Missy Medlin, Judy Riehl and Susan Smith gave a formal dance on November 19, at the American Legion Hall. Some of the guests were Louise Wright, Jim Crowe, Sheila Scott, Gaylord Gray, Bob Nash, Sue Hartgrove, Peg Wright, and Doug Cunningham.

Miss Pardue, one of Pershing's gym teachers, was surprised at a party given by two of the gym department's most faithful followers, Linda Hill and Virginia Schilling. It was her birthday. The other heads of the department, mainly Miss Gray, Miss Walters, and Mrs. Grubbs, conspired to get Miss Pardue there. Other followers were Sara Morgan, Babs Brownlee, Carol Sexton, Cecile Epting, Louise Wright, Jane Yoder, Norma Adams, and Elaine Antill.

Attention everybody. I hope you went to the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Our own Jim Crowe was Prince Valiant.

Barbara Mangum celebrated her birthday by having a party at her home on November 13. Some of the guests were Mary Wayne Heathcott, Carol Ann Hughes, Sue Hancock, and Peg Wright.

Congratulations to the boys who made the All-City Football Team. They were Lee Raesner, first team; Donnie Johnson, second team; and John Stradinger, third team.

Francine White gave a slumber-party at which all the kids went to the show first. Some of the kids who had bags under their eyes after being up most of the night were Judy Works, Judy Phillips, and Susan Crossley.

Another episode has been added to "The Substitute's Consequences." In one class Bill Stevens and Benjie Jones seemed to be disrupting the class by singing "Skip to My Lou"

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Judy Mount, Bob Nash, Sheila Scott, Charlie Church, Maria Butos, Norma Adams, Gus Koerner, Sandy Taylor, Stephen Thomas, Jane Yoder, Jimmy Hunt, and Patsy Buell.

We owe a lot to Mr. Moss, who presents such heart throbbing announcements at lunch.

Hey, Charles Chamberlain, who's that cute girl you have been eyeing in science?

Have you heard the great singers in third period lunch? They try to sing "Hearts of Stone," but I'm not saying what it really sounds like. They are Sharon Taylor, Linda Hill, Louise Wright, Jim Crowe, and Elaine Antill.

Judi King and her jeep speedster were a perfect picture while gunning down Old Richmond Road with her companions Linda Hill, Carole Jones, Cecile Epting, Elaine Antill, and special guest Patti Oliver. Many gasoline station attendants have stood stunned when Judi roars in, in her jeep. Back at home, safe and sound, Elaine kept playing "Hold My Hand" until Judi's mother hid it. They also visited Lee Lillie. This was a party? On this article, I owe a lot to my friends, especially Cecile Epting who helped me in time of distress.

Please give me any news you can. Thanks!

HONOR SOCIETY—
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cation you no longer get five points for an A, four points for a B, or three points for a C but now you get three points for an A, two points for a B and minus one point for a C.

This year's officers for the Honor Society are: President, Andy Horne; Vice President, Janet Galeener; Treasurer, Virginia Wagner; and Secretary, Bob Johnson.

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Stamp Contest Lagging

Business-ED Day Observed As Boon To Teacher And Pupil

By WILLIAM HAMLETT

The students of the Houston Independent School District and several adjoining districts celebrated a holiday from school, November 19, 1954, while their teachers, 5543 in number, observed business at work.

Business Education Day was conceived at the Michigan State University in 1948 to give Industry and Educators a better knowledge of each others' problems.

B. E. Day has been observed in Houston for several years and each year having wider participation. Houston can boast the fact that for the last three years it has had the largest B. E. Day observance in the nation.

Your correspondent was invited by his dad, who was on the committee of the railroad, to visit the Southern Pacific. Teachers registered in at the passenger depot where we went by train to observe various facilities of the railroad.

Our first stop was at the general shops, where the vice-president of the railroad greeted us. As we toured the shops it was explained to teachers how the equipment of the railroad is repaired. Next we went to the wood preserving works.

There, forest products used by the railroad are treated with preservatives. Two major types of preservatives are used; timbers, which do not require painting are treated with a creosote-oil preservative and timbers, which require painting are treated with pentachlorophenol or "penta," as it is commonly known. As we left the plant we passed the "Trailer-On-Flatcar Operation." This service is for less than carload freight and provides dependable overnight service to the principal cities in Texas and Louisiana.

The Gravity Switching Yard was next on the agenda. This is a place where freight cars are sorted to make up different trains to go to different cities.

As we rolled into the Englewood Freight Car Shops where the teachers got to stretch their legs and to see the repair shop for freight car equipment. An average of 3,450 cars are repaired each month, 45

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INFO CORNER

USE OF THE LIBRARY
Students may go to the library Before school without a permit

After school without a permit
During school hours with a permit — key not accepted
Between classes without a permit, but it is responsibility of student to be on time to class.

Students may check out books for two weeks.

Books may not be renewed. There are two kinds of loans—14 day and overnight.

Fine rates are given on date slip in back of library book.

HOLIDAYS

The Christmas holidays begin Friday, December 17th. After a two week vacation, school will begin again on January 3. The first semester of 1954-1955 term closes on January 21, and the second semester opens on January 24.

Book Week Is Hailed Success

Our "Book Week Football Game" collected more than ever before this year. With the Library Club sponsoring it, the students of Pershing turned in \$1079.00.

All the money will go to buy new books for the library as soon as possible. "Thank you all for cooperating with us to make a bigger and better library for your use and pleasure," said Miss Llewellyn.

Now is the chance for you to get the kind of books you like. A suggestion box will be placed in the library for you to put the names of the books you would like to have in. Let Miss Llewellyn know as soon as possible.

The winners of the grades were: L-7—Sears' Seals; H-7—Starkey's Sharks; L-8—Farrell's Fireballs; H-8, Hansen's Hawks; L-9—Moreland's Magpies; and H-9, Nelson's Nats.

The winner of the whole school was Farrell's Fireballs with 7 touchdowns and \$71.75. Moreland's Magpies were runners-up with \$70.00. Also, Koepke's Kangaroos and Barnes' Buzzards with \$61 each.

At the end of the drive 400 new books were put on display in the library.

Pershing Students Join ID Tag Drive

Recently the students began bringing their money for a new aid to civil defense, "dog tags," to homeroom.

The civil defense recommends this as one of the precautions to be taken for identification purposes, but this is not the only use for these valuable metal ID tags.

In case of an automobile accident, fire, tornado, or other catastrophe in which you were involved and injured, the ID tags would serve as a valuable key to your identity, the proper persons to be notified, their address and telephone number, and the religion you follow in case the services of a priest were desired.

These dog tags are not required by the city or the school, but it is a very good idea for everyone to have them. The cost of the dog tags is twenty-five cents, and the only information which they do not give is the person's blood type.

Faculty Directory

Is Council Project

I'm sure all of you have seen the faculty directory near the auditorium, but do you know how it got there and why it is there?

The directory is a Student Council project. The money will come from that collected at the Snowflake Ball. The estimated cost is about \$165.00.

The purpose of the directory is to help our parents and the office. When our parents see the directory, they can go directly to the room instead of taking their time and the offices' in looking up the room numbers.

Seventh Grade Leading Pershing In School Savings Stamp Contest

By BETTY JOAN KOEHLER

Mr. Hansen's thrift club has entered Pershing in a United States Savings stamp contest, sponsored by George W. Strake, who will award a trophy at the end of the contest.

The rules of the contest are that each homeroom in Pershing Jr. High has a contest all of its own, in which they endeavor to outsell other homerooms, by showing the greater participation of stamps sold.

The Thrift Club is responsible for collecting and delivering United States Savings Stamps. It is very vital that each student bring and turn over his money to the Thrift Club representative every Monday. This gives the club members an opportunity to purchase stamps and deliver them on Tuesday to the students participating. The whole idea of the contest is to achieve the greatest amount of student participation.

If one school sells \$200.00 worth of U. S. Savings Stamps from October 11, 1954 through April 30, 1955, and only three hundred students participate, while another school sells \$175.00 in stamps during the same period with 405 students participating, then the school with the greatest student participation would win the contest.

The contest is not based on dollars but on the amount in which students take part.

It is vital that each student buys at least one ten-cent stamp a week for the fourteen weeks in order to qualify for at least fifty per cent of the contest time limit.

Mr. Hansen said, "It is a shame to think that a school as advanced as Pershing, should not have at least sixty-five per cent participation in stamp sales."

Fortunately there are some very active homeroom leaders. One of these is Mrs. Lord's homeroom, (Continued on Page 3)

Pershing Clean Up Drive Under Way

The Booster Club, sponsored by Mr. Williams, has undertaken the job of making Pershing beautiful through a cleanup campaign.

The homerooms and the school in general have been asked to help with their participation in this campaign and some homerooms are really going all out for this activity.

Many of the homerooms have painted their rooms and many others have given the walls a good scrubbing. The Booster Club is planning to send letters of thanks and recognition to those homerooms who they find have contributed a good deal to the clean-up campaign.

The club itself has thus far done the large majority of the work around the school in this campaign. Some of the major projects in this respect have been painting the trash cans around the school, caring for the shrubbery, and picking up trash on a large scale. It is hoped that the work will not end with the end of the drive, but that Pershing students will make it a year 'round job.

Preparations Begin On Yule Program

Preparations are being made for the Christmas program, to be presented in the auditorium, the week our Christmas holidays begin. The Music and Drama departments have combined for what should be a very inspiring program.

The seventh grade glee club, led by Mrs. Fornell, will sing "O Come, O Come Emanuel" and "A Child Is Born in Bethlehem." Mr. Book's eighth grade glee club is presenting three songs, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," "Carol of the Bells," and "A Very Merry Christmas."

Mrs. Wells' dramatic club will present WHY THE CHIMES RANG, a story of a little boy, that gives the greatest gift.

Music from Mrs. Perkins' chorus will close the program.

Lost and Found

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